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Stephen Heinz Josef Victor WEBER

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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application is pending. This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/AU2005/000139, and was filed on August 2, 2006 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Enclosed are copies of the stamped post card receipts. To date, no other communication has been received by this office. A review of the status of this application in PAIR revealed that this "Application Undergoing Preexam Processing."

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Check in the amount of \$1950.00
2. Transmittal Letter concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. (Duplicate)
3. Request for Substitution of Replacement Sheets.
4. Article 34 amendments containing 9 sheets and 7 sheets of amendments to the claims.
5. PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.
6. Copy of International application as filed comprising 22 sheets, including 42 claims, and 8 sheets of drawings.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449 with documents attached.
8. Cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO 2005/075688 A1.

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